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AT DAILY PRESS CONFERENCE FOR FOREIGN REPORTERS AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 15, GVN SPOKESMAN READ OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO NGUYEN VAN HIEU'S NOVEMBER 14 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL): BEGIN QUOTE YESTERDAY HIEU DECLARED THAT THE COMMUNISTS WILL NOT HESITATE TO CROSS THE CEASE-FIRE LINES TO ATTACK THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HOME BASES. WE FIND THE STATEMENT MOST SIGNIFICANT. IT IS SORT OF A WAR DECLARATION AND PROVES THAT THE COMMUNISTS OFFICIALLY DISREGARD THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AND SUCH A STATEMENT MADE BY HIEU HIMSELF SHOWS CLEARLY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DENOUNCING TO PUBLIC OPINION, THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE READY TO RESUME THEIR FULL SCALE OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IT IS ALL THE MORE SIGNIFICANT WHEN IT COMES FROM A SO-CALLED DELEGATE TO PEACE TALKS AND THE LEAST ONE COULD SAY IS THAT SUCH A BELLICOSE ATTITUDE SHOULD BE SEVERELY CONDEMNED. THE COMMUNISTS MUST OF COURSE BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THEIR ACTS. END QUOTE
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